

United States District Court  
Southern District of Ohio

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**Related Case Memorandum  
Criminal Cases**

TO: Judge Morrison and Judge Sargus

FROM: Spencer D. Harris , Deputy Clerk

DATE: 12/19/2023

SUBJECT: Case Caption: USA v. John Castillo

CASE: Case Number: 2:23-CR-243

DISTRICT JUDGE: Judge Morrison

File Date: 12/19/23

This memorandum is to notify you that the defendant information sheet on the above referenced case reflects the following alleged related case(s):

**Related Case(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Case Caption: **USA v. John Kotchkoski**

Case Number: **2:22-CR-47** District Judge: **Sargus**

File Date: **3/23/22** Magistrate Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

**Related Case(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Case Caption: **USA v. Marco R. Merino**

Case Number: **2-22-CR-14** District Judge: **Sargus**

File Date: **1/28/22** Magistrate Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

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The District Judges having conferred, we respond to Deputy Clerk  
as follows:

Spencer D. Harris

**Judges' Response:**

- ☐ We agree that the cases are **not** related and that the subject case should remain with the Judge to whom it is assigned.
- ☒ We agree that the cases **are** related and that the subject case should be transferred to the docket of Judge Sargus, Jr.
- ☐ We agree that although the cases **are** related, the subject case nevertheless should remain with the Judge to whom it was assigned.
- ☐ We are unable to agree and will accept any decision made by the Chief Judge.
- ☐ I am the Judge on both/all of the listed cases and have determined that the cases are **not** related.
- ☐ I am the Judge on both/all of the listed cases and have determined that the cases **are** related and they shall both/all remain on my docket.
- ☐ Other Direction of Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

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Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. 1/23/2024

United States District Judge

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s/Sarah D. Morrison 1/30/2024

United States District Judge

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United States District Judge

cc: Courtroom Deputies